

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2720 - SB 2764

February 18, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands the offenses for which notice must be provided to schools (with or without a court order) when a juvenile offender is sent back into a regular school setting. Requires that a transition and success plan be formulated within five days of notice being given. Makes breach of confidentiality agreement a Class C misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant

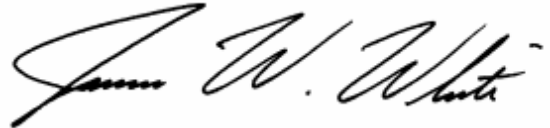
Other Fiscal Impact – Increase Federal Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The provisions of this bill will increase the number of children on probation that the Department of Children's Services (DCS) must notify schools about the nature of such child's offenses and probation requirements. According to DCS, 284 children will be affected by the new requirements; approximately three children per county will be affected. Such increases in workload will be not significant and will not cause a significant increase in state or federal expenditures.
- DCS is required to send written notification through certified mail or facsimile. After notification has been given, a transition and success plan will be formulated through a meeting with the school, DCS, and the parent or guardian when applicable. Information detailing the nature of juvenile offenses will be kept confidential and will only be distributed to necessary school personnel.
- There will be a not significant increase in local revenue and expenditures as a result of making breach of confidentiality a Class C misdemeanor.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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